

Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee
Webster Town Hall
Minutes

August 6, 2009

There was a meeting of the Hopkinton/Webster Landfill Committee on Thursday August 6, 2009 at the Webster Town Hall. The meeting began at 7:15 P.M. with Barbara Corliss, Sally Embley, Bob LaPree, Stretch Kennedy, and Steve Clough present. Tom Mullins also attended the meeting.

The July minutes were reviewed. Barbara pointed out a typo that was corrected and then made a motion to accept the minutes. Bob Lapree seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Steve provided the members with Hopkinton's letter to NHDES in regards to the private well issue. A response was required by July 1, 2009.

The committee reviewed information on the current trends of recycling, C&D, and trash. Recycling and C&D are coming in at about the same rate as last year and trash is down some for the third straight year.

Account balances for the Capital Improvement Plan and the Recycling Revolving Fund were reviewed. The projects discussed in both areas at the July meeting will be developed and scheduled after the committee completes its review of the proposed 2010 budget next month.

The Transfer Station and Solid Waste budget expenditures to date (in 2009) were provided and discussed. Steve explained seasonal variations in expenses and answered line item questions. The revenue to date in 2009 was also reviewed and projections, accounts receivables, and annual totals were discussed.

The committee had preliminary discussions about the 2010 budget. The budget history, increases in expenses, and goal for next year's budget were discussed. Due to several successful ongoing cost containment programs it looks like the 2010 budget will be less than the 2007 budget. An increase of about \$10/ton (on approximately 4,000 tons) by the CRSW Cooperative is being used for budgetary purposes. The rate won't actually be set until a vote by the coop late in November. If the increase in the tipping fee is less than \$10/ton then the 2010 budget will be reduced considerably.

The committee briefly discussed future operational planning. Steve brought up several ways that revenues might be increased although they might be too controversial to be supported and implemented. Committee members encouraged him to explore new revenue sources and brief the committee on this potential after the 2010 budget and planning process has been completed.

Bob Lapree made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Barbara seconded it, the vote was unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 P.M.

